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SUBJ: MIGRATION DESIRES OF ANGOLAN REFUGEES

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1. MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED ANGOLAN REFUGEES HAVE MADE INQUIRIES IN PERSON AT EMBASSY DURING PAST MONTH RE POSSIBILITIES OF IMMIGRATION TO US. ON ONE OCCASION SMALL DELEGATION TOLD EMBASSY THEY REPRESENTED GROUP OF 120 REFUGEES WHO DESIRE IMMIGRATE AS "COLONY."

2. EMBASSY ALSO RECEIVED SIMILAR NUMBER TELEPHONE AND MAIL INQUIRIES.

3. GOP AND CAPE VERDEAN OFFICIALS HAVE SHOWN INTEREST IN POSSIBLE PROGRAM FOR ANGOLAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT IN US. SOCIALIST PARTY "EMIGRATION OFFICER" AND ANGOLAN REFUGEE ORGANIZATION ALSO INQUIRED.

4. EMBASSY INFORMED LOCAL REFUGEE PROCESSING OFFICIALS ABOUT PROVISIONS OUR IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT BECAUSE OF RUMORS CIRCULATING THAT US WOULD ACCEPT 10,000 ANGOLA REFUGEES. THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT

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THAT SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF ANGOLAN REFUGEES

WOULD IMMIGRATE TO US OR ELSEWHERE IF GIVEN
OPPORTUNITY.

5. MANY REFUGEES LEFT PROPERTY, JOBS IN ANGOLA.
THEY FACE UNCERTAIN FUTURE HERE WITH UNEMPLOYMENT
IN PORTUGAL ALREADY HIGH. MAJORITY OF REFUGEES
NOT SYMPATHETIC TO POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN
PORTUGAL SINCE REVOLUTION OF APRIL 1974. THEY ARE ALSO
ENCOUNTERING SOME HOSTILITY HERE.

6. FRANCE, CANADA, VENEZUELA, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL
AND AUSTRALIA HAVE ALSO BEEN APPROACHED ABOUT
POSSIBLE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMS FOR REFUGEES.
VENEZUELA APPARENTLY DISPOSED ACCEPT SOME REFUGEES.
ATTITUDE OF BRAZIL REPORTEDLY NEGATIVE, BUT EMBASSY
EXPECTS THAT SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF REFUGEES WILL
ENTER BRAZIL AS INTENDING IMMIGRANTS. HOLDERS
OF PORTUGUESE PASSPORTS DO NOT REQUIRE VISAS TO
ENTER BRAZIL AS TOURISTS. PATTERN IS TO ADJUST
STATUS ONCE ADMITTED TO BRAZIL.

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